**CRITERIA AND METHODOLOGY FOR EVALUATION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS**

**RENEWABLE ENERGY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ENERGY SECURITY PROGRAMME**

**Use of geothermal energy for heating or for heating & cooling in state or municipal buildings**

1. **METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSMENT**

The Programme Operator of the Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Energy Security Programme shall evaluate the project proposals submitted within the deadline for submission (point 16.3 of the Guidelines for Application), in compliance with these criteria and methodology for evaluation. The evaluation consists of Stage 1: Assessment of the Administrative Compliance and Eligibility (AACE) and Stage 2: Technical and Financial Evaluation (TFE);

The criteria and methodology for evaluation are not subject to change during the evaluation process.

Every Applicant under this procedure may submit only one project proposal. If the same Applicant has submitted more than one project proposal, the Evaluation Committee will only consider the last submitted project proposal and the previous ones will be considered withdrawn.

**STAGE 1: ASSESSMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE AND ELIGIBILITY**

The Programme Operator (PO) shall verify the fulfilment of the criteria for administrative compliance and eligibility based on the information included in the Application Form and its attachments. When performing AACE it is checked whether a project proposal meets all criteria and each criterion is marked with YES, NO or N/A (not applicable).

When the examination of a project proposal reveals a lack of documents and/or non-compliance, a letter shall be sent to the Applicant requesting additional documents/information.  
The deadline for removing inconsistencies specified in the letter is not less than five business days.

The request for provision of documents/information is sent via the Electronic Services Module of UMIS 2020 and the Applicant receives a notification of the request at the e-mail address indicated at the registration of the user that submitted the project proposal. Therefore no changes can be made in the profile of the Applicant in UMIS 2020.

**STAGE 2: TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL EVALUATION**

The technical and financial evaluation is based on specific criteria that are in line with the specificity of this call for proposals.   
The Programme Operator will check and assess the information included in the Application Form and the documents attached to it.

During the assessment process, the PO reserves the right to request clarifications and additional documentary evidence that may prove necessary.

1. **CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF PROJECT PROPOSALS**
2. **ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE AND ELIGIBILITY**

| **Criteria** | **YES** | **NO** | **N/A** | **Documental Proofs** | **Remarks:** |
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| **ASSESSMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE** | | | | | |
| 1. The Application form of the project proposal was submitted within the deadline through the UMIS 2020 system. |  |  |  | UMIS 2020, Application Form | A project proposal received after the deadline will be registered, but will not be considered and evaluated. The Applicant will be notified through the communication module in UMIS 2020. |
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| 1. The Application form of the project proposal is completed in English language and in Bulgarian language[[1]](#footnote-1). |  |  |  | Application Form | In case of ascertained missing information in English, it will be requested from the Applicant.  Once accepted by the evaluators, the information will be entered ex officio in the Application Form by the Chairman or the Secretary. |
| 1. The Application form of the project proposal is signed with a QES by the legal representative of the Applicant or a person authorized to submit the project proposal. |  |  |  | Application Form | In case of ascertained irregularities, the Evaluation Committee will require from Applicant to eliminate the identified irregularities.  This is done only once and within the period set by the Evaluation Committee.  Failure to comply with the requirements of the Evaluation Committee gives grounds for rejection of the project proposal. |
| 1. The Applicant has provided an authorization document for submitting the project proposal with QES (if applicable) — signed and dated by the legal representative of the Applicant according to the foundation/incorporation document, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020.   The Qualified Electronic Signature (QES) for submission of the project proposal should be valid as of the application date. |  |  |  | Attachment to the Application Form — an authorization document for submitting the project proposal with QES (if applicable), signed, dated, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. | In case the document is missing or some irregularities are found, the Evaluation Committee will require from the Applicant to provide the document or to eliminate the identified irregularities.  This is done only once and within the period set by the Evaluation Committee.  Failure to comply with the requirements of the Evaluation Committee gives grounds for rejection of the project proposal. |
| 1. Declaration of existence/absence of double financing — signed, dated, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form — Appendix N to the Guidelines for Application. | In case the Declaration is missing or is not signed by the official representative/s of the Applicant, and /or is not dated, and /or is not correctly dated, and /or is not filled in according to the form, it is required for additional submission.  In case it is not submitted, or is resubmitted with irregularities, or is resubmitted after the deadline, the project proposal will be rejected. |
| 1. In case the project is implemented with a Partner(s), the Applicant has submitted a Draft Partnership Agreement/Letter of Intent for Partnership — a copy, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form - Letter of Intent/Draft Partnership Agreement (Appendix O).  The Partnership Agreement/Letter of Intent shall be prepared in English in the case of a foreign Partner. | In case of a missing document and /or missing information, they will be requested from the Applicant.  Failure to submit the information and documents required by the Evaluation Committee within the specified period or submission of irregular documents will not lead to the rejection of the project proposal, but it will result in costs reduction in the project budget and reducing the number of points.  The project proposal will be corrected ex officio by the Evaluation Committee, excluding the participation of the Partner. |
| 1. In case the project is to be implemented with a Partner/s, the Applicant has submitted a Certificate of registration (or a similar document) issued by the competent authority in the relevant country — a copy, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form:  For a Partner from the Republic of Bulgaria - UIC / BULSTAT.  For a foreign Partner – Certificate of registration (or a similar document) in English. | In case of a missing document and /or missing information, they will be requested from the Applicant.  Failure to submit the information and documents required by the Evaluation Committee within the specified period or submission of irregular documents will not lead to the rejection of the project proposal, but it will result in costs reduction in the project budget and reducing the number of points.  The project proposal will be corrected ex officio by the Evaluation Committee, excluding the participation of the Partner. |
| 1. A certificate of code of economic activity according to data fоr the last completed financial year, issued by the National Statistical Institute or an equivalent document for the foreign Partners for the last completed financial year — a copy, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. Or for the foreign Partners - a link to similar registers according to the legislation of the respective country.   The certificate is submitted by the Applicant in case the Partner is a Bulgarian entity and an equivalent document in case the Partner is a foreign partner. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form, or information included in the Form. | In case of a missing document and /or missing information, they will be requested from the Applicant.  Failure to submit the information and documents required by the Evaluation Committee within the specified period or submission of irregular documents will not lead to the rejection of the project proposal, but it will result in costs reduction in the project budget and reducing the number of points.  The project proposal will be corrected ex officio by the Evaluation Committee, excluding the participation of the Partner. |
| 1. Declaration of economic activity absence and project sustainability — completed template (Appendix H) — signed, dated, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form. | In case the Declaration is missing or is not signed by the official representative/s of the Applicant, and /or is not dated, and /or is not correctly dated, and /or is not filled in according to the form, it is required for additional submission.  In case it is not submitted, or is resubmitted with irregularities, or is resubmitted after the deadline, the project proposal will be rejected. |
| 1. Declaration of de minimis aid and state aid by the Partner — completed template (Appendix M) — signed, dated, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form. | In case the document is missing or some irregularities are found, the Evaluation Committee will require from the Applicant to provide the document or to eliminate the identified irregularities.  This is done only once and within the period set by the Evaluation Committee.  Failure to submit the information and documents required by the Evaluation Committee within the specified period or submission of irregular documents will not lead to the rejection of the project proposal, but it will result in costs reduction in the project budget and reducing the number of points.  The project proposal will be corrected ex officio by the Evaluation Committee, excluding the participation of the Partner. |
| 1. Curriculum vitae of the members of the project management team - signed, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020:  * Team leader; * Technical expert; * Financial expert. |  |  |  | Documents attached to the Application Form - Completed Appendix P for each member of the Project Management Team. | In case a document is missing or some irregularities are found, the Evaluation Committee will require from the Applicant to provide the document or to eliminate the identified irregularities.  This is done only once and within the period set by the Evaluation Committee.  Failure to comply with the requirements of the Evaluation Committee gives grounds for rejection of the project proposal. |
| **CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF ELIGIBILITY** | | | | | |
| 1. The Applicant is an executive body administration in the Republic of Bulgaria under Art. 38, para. 1 or para. 2, it. 1 of the Administration Act or a municipality on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria within the meaning of Art. 14 of the Local Self-Government and Local Administration Act. |  |  |  | Application Form | In case of non-compliance with the requirement, the project proposal is rejected. |
| 1. The Applicant has provided a Decision of Consent of the executive authority that heads the Applicant, if it is a collective body, to apply under this procedure, respectively, a Statement of Consent of the executive authority that heads the Applicant, if it is a single body, to apply under this procedure, or a Decision of Consent of the Municipal Council for the municipality to apply under this procedure, and, if applicable, giving its consent for cooperation with the Partner(s)- a copy, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020. |  |  |  | Accompanying documents to the Application Form:  A copy of the Decision of Consent of the executive authority that heads the Applicant, if it is a collective body, to apply under this procedure, respectively, a Statement of Consent of the executive authority that heads the Applicant, if it is a single body, to apply under this procedure, or a Decision of Consent of the Municipal Council for the municipality to apply under this procedure - a copy scanned and attached in UMIS 2020, | In case the document is missing or some irregularities are found, the Evaluation Committee will require from the Applicant to provide the document or to eliminate the identified irregularities.  This is done only once and within the period set by the Evaluation Committee.  Failure to comply with the requirements of the Evaluation Committee gives grounds for rejection of the project proposal.  The decision of consent for cooperation with the Partner /s may be in a separate document or be included in the decision of consent for applying under this procedure. |
| 1. The Applicant owns the building (respectively each of the buildings included in the project) or the building (respectively each of the buildings included in the project) has been provided for management within the meaning of Art. 14, para. 3 of the State Property Act to the Applicant or the body that heads it-when the Applicant is a legal entity - administration to an executive authority in the Republic of Bulgaria under art. 38, para.1 or 2, it.1 of the Administration Act   or  The Applicant is the owner of the building (respectively each of the buildings included in the project) - when the Applicant is a municipality on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria within the meaning of art. 14 of the Local Self-Government and Local Administration Act. |  |  |  | Accompanying documents to the Application Form. The Applicant should present a document showing that the Applicant owns the building (respectively each of the buildings included in the project) or the building (respectively each of the buildings included in the project) has been provided for management within the meaning of Art. 14, para. 3 of the State Property Act to the Applicant or the body that heads it-when the Applicant is a legal entity - administration to an executive authority in the Republic of Bulgaria under art. 38, para.1 or 2, it.1 of the Administration Act  or  The Applicant should present document clearly showing that the Applicant is the owner of the building (respectively each of the buildings included in the project) - when the Applicant is a municipality on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria within the meaning of art. 14 of the Local Self-Government and Local Administration Act. | In case the document is missing or some irregularities are found, the Evaluation Committee will require from the Applicant to provide the document or to eliminate the identified irregularities.  This is done only once and within the period set by the Evaluation Committee.  Failure to comply with the requirements of the Evaluation Committee gives grounds for rejection of the project proposal. |
| 1. The Applicant has fulfilled the main energy efficiency measures (outside insulation of the building, attic/basement insulation and joinery replacement). |  |  |  | Energy efficiency audit report/s, Certificate of energy performance of the building/s. Takeover protocols, contracts, etc., are also considered as proofs. | In case the document is missing or some irregularities are found, the Evaluation Committee will require from the Applicant to provide the document or to eliminate the identified irregularities.  This is done only once and within the period set by the Evaluation Committee.  Failure to comply with the requirements of the Evaluation Committee gives grounds for rejection of the project proposal. |
| 1. The Applicant has provided a declaration, signed and dated by the legal representative of the Applicant, scanned and attached in UMIS 2020 (Appendix I) that the Applicant:  * is familiar of the terms of the application; * will be directly responsible for the management and implementation of the Project activities; * certifies that the information in the two languages is identical (Bulgarian and English); * has verified the participation of consultants in the preparation of the project proposal. |  |  |  | Accompanying documents attached to the Application Form — Appendix I to the Guidelines for Application | In case the document is missing or some irregularities are found, the Evaluation Committee will require from the Applicant to provide the document or to eliminate the identified irregularities.  This is done only once and within the period set by the Evaluation Committee.  Failure to comply with the requirements of the Evaluation Committee gives grounds for rejection of the project proposal. |
| 1. The Applicant does not fall in any of the conditions listed in the ineligibility criteria for Applicants under item 8.2. of the Guidelines for Application. |  |  |  | Accompanying Documents to the Application Form - a Declaration of lack of grounds for ineligibility, according to the form of Appendix K, completed by the legal representative of the Applicant. | In case the document is missing or some irregularities are found, the Evaluation Committee will require from the Applicant to provide the document or to eliminate the identified irregularities.  This is done only once and within the period set by the Evaluation Committee.  Failure to comply with the requirements of the Evaluation Committee gives grounds for rejection of the project proposal. |
| 1. The Partner/s is/are eligible under this procedure, pursuant to item 9.1 of the Guidelines for Application. |  |  |  | Accompanying documents to the Application Form - a Certificate of the Partner’s registration (or a similar document) | Non-compliance with the requirement will not lead to rejection of the project proposal, but it will result in costs reduction in the project budget and reducing the number of points. |
| 1. The Partner/s has/have experience or expertise in the implementation of activities related to the use of energy from RES (if the project will be implemented with the help of a Partner/s. |  |  |  | Accompanying documents to the Application Form - Partnership Agreement/Draft of a Partnership Agreement/Letter of Intent.  The latest approved Articles of Association (or a similar document)/Reference/ Information from the official website of the Partner or any other document proving that the partner has experience or expertise in the implementation of activities in the sphere of renewable energy use. | Non-compliance with the requirement will not lead to rejection of the project proposal, but it will result in costs reduction in the project budget and reducing the number of points. |
| 1. The Partner(s) does(do) not pursue its (their) main economic activity and the activity for which it applies for funding in the following sectors:  * fishery and aquaculture sector as covered by Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013; * primary production of agricultural products; * processing and marketing of agricultural products in the following cases:   - where the amount of the aid is fixed on the basis of the price or quantity of such products purchased from primary producers or put on the market by the undertakings concerned; or  - where the aid is conditional on being partly or entirely passed on to primary producers.   * aid to export-related activities towards third countries or Member States, namely aid directly linked to the quantities exported, to the establishment and operation of a distribution network or to other current expenditure linked to the export activity; * aid contingent upon the use of domestic over imported goods. |  |  |  | Accompanying documents to the Application Form — Declaration of the Partner on de minimis aid and state aid, Certificate of economic activity code according to the data from the last completed financial year, issued by the National Statistical Institute or an equivalent document for the foreign partners for the last completed financial year. | Non-compliance with the requirement will not lead to rejection of the project proposal, but it will result in costs reduction in the project budget and reducing the number of points. |
| 1. The project proposal does not contain any activities for the acquisition of road freight transport vehicles by undertakings performing road freight transport for hire or reward. |  |  |  | Application form - Description of the eligible activities to be performed by the Applicant and the Partner. | In case of non-compliance, the project proposal is rejected. |
| 1. The Partner(s) does(do) not fall in any of the conditions listed in 9.2 of the Guidelines for Application. |  |  |  | Accompanying Documents to the Application Form - Declaration of lack of grounds for ineligibility of the Partner under item 9.2 of the Guidelines for Application – Appendix L. | Non-compliance with the requirement will not lead to rejection of the project proposal, but it will result in costs reduction in the project budget and reducing the number of points. |
| 1. The purpose(s) of the Project is(are) eligible and is(are) in compliance with the purposes of this procedure. |  |  |  | Application Form | In case of non-compliance, the project proposal is rejected. |
| 1. The project proposal meets the requirements for the activities to be carried out on the territory of Bulgaria and in a donor country (if applicable). |  |  |  | Application Form | In case of non-compliance, the project proposal is rejected. |
| 1. The project includes activities related to the utilization of geothermal energy for heating or for heating & cooling. |  |  |  | Application Form, Investment Project (Technical or Detailed Design). | In case of non-compliance, the project proposal is rejected. |
| 1. The use of geothermal energy for heating or for heating & cooling, the construction or reconstruction of the existing system or the construction of a new system for heating or for heating & cooling, as well as the combined use of geothermal energy with other energy sources, shall be recommended by an Energy Efficiency Audit Report for each of the buildings. |  |  |  | Application Form, Accompanying documents: Energy Efficiency Audit Report. | In case the document is missing or some irregularities are found, the Evaluation Committee will require from the Applicant to provide the document or to eliminate the identified irregularities.  This is done only once and within the period set by the Evaluation Committee.  Failure to comply with the requirements of the Evaluation Committee gives grounds for rejection of the project proposal. |
| 1. The Applicant has submitted an Investment Project/s (Technical or Detailed Design), which (where applicable) is/are coordinated and approved in accordance with the requirements of the Spatial Development Act, in case that according to the Spatial Development Act, the Investment Project, prepared in accordance with the Spatial Development Act and the regulations to it, is not subject to approval, an opinion shall be submitted by the relevant competent authority. . |  |  |  | Application Form, Accompanying documents. | In case the document is missing or some irregularities are found, the Evaluation Committee will require from the Applicant to provide the document or to eliminate the identified irregularities.  This is done only once and within the period set by the Evaluation Committee.  Failure to comply with the requirements of the Evaluation Committee gives grounds for rejection of the project proposal. |
| 1. When applying for activities related to the construction and/or reconstruction of a system(s) for heating or for heating & cooling by using mineral water, thermal pumps of water-water type or water-air type ,all of the following requirements are met:   (a)There is a valid Permit for water intake from underground waters or a Permit for water intake from mineral waters; (b) There is a valid Permit for the use of an underground water site for reinjection/injection of water into underground water sites by existing/new facilities (if applicable). |  |  |  | Permit for water intake issued by the competent authority in accordance with the Water Act; Permit for use of an underground water site for reinjection/injection of water into underground water sites by existing/new facilities | In case of a missing document or some irregularities found, the Evaluation Committee will require from the Applicant to provide the document or to eliminate the identified irregularities.  This is done only once and within the period set by the Evaluation Committee.  Failure to comply with the requirements of the Evaluation Committee gives grounds for rejection of the project proposal. |
| 1. The Project is implemented under the applicable “no aid” regime for the applicant and “no aid” or de minimis aid for the Partner (if applicable) |  |  |  | Application Form, Accompanying documents: Declaration of de minimis aid and state aid | Failure of the applicant to comply with the requirements of the Evaluation Committee gives grounds for rejection of the project proposal.  Non-compliance with the requirement for the Partner will not lead to rejection of the project proposal, but it will result in costs reduction in the project budget and reducing the number of points. |
| 1. The project proposal contains activities related to information and publicity in accordance with the requirements of the EEA Grants and Norway Grants Communication and Design Manual for 2014-2021 and Section 2.3 of Annex 3 of the Regulation. |  |  |  | Application Form | Non-compliance with the requirement will lead to rejection of the project proposal |
| 1. The amount of the requested grant is greater than or equal to EUR 200000 EUR |  |  |  | Application Form | In case of non-compliance with requirement, the project proposal is rejected. |
| 1. The amount of the requested grant does not exceed EUR 400000. |  |  |  | Application Form | In case of non-compliance with requirement, the project proposal is rejected. |

**The clarifications and documents submitted by the Applicants may not lead to a qualitative improvement of the project proposal.**

**TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL EVALUATION – STAGE 2**

| **Technical and financial evaluation criteria** | **Maximum score** | | **Verification source** |
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| 1. **Horizontal EEA Grants Principles 2014-2021:** | **3** | | *Application Form* |
| The project proposal contributes to the achievement of all 3 horizontal principles of the Program referred to in point 3 of the Application Guidelines. | **3** | |  |
| The project proposal contributes to the achievement of 2 horizontal principles of the Program referred to in point 3 of the Application Guidelines. | **2** | |  |
| The project proposal contributes to the achievement of 1 horizontal principle of the Program referred to in point 3 of the Application Guidelines. | **1** | |  |
| The project proposal does not contribute to the achievement of any of the horizontal principles of the Program referred to in point 3 of the Application Guidelines. | **0** | |  |
| 1. **Achieving the purpose of the procedure:** | **4** | | *Application Form* |
| The project proposal contains detailed and clear information on the project's contribution to achieving the objective of the procedure. | **4** | |  |
| The project proposal contains information on the contribution of the project to achieving the objective of the procedure, which is not sufficiently detailed or clear. | **2** | |  |
| 1. **The project proposal contains:**  * Clear description of project objectives; * Relevant information for the target groups; * Clear description of the logical sequence of activities, incl. feasible timing, start and end of each activity; * A feasible Plan for information and communication. | **4** | | *Application Form, Item 7 "Implementation Plan/ Project Activities" or Item 11 "Additional information required to evaluate the project proposal"* |
| 4 of the above requirements are fulfilled | **4** | |  |
| 3 of the above requirements are fulfilled | **3** | |  |
| 2 of the above requirements are fulfilled | **2** | |  |
| 1 of the above requirements is fulfilled | **1** | |  |
| None of the above requirements is fulfilled | **0** | |  |
| 1. **Effectiveness of the grant to the installed capacity (design heat capacity) of the facility/facilities for heating or for heating & cooling, including hot water supply - I, BGN/kW.** | **20** | | *Application Form, it.5 "Budget", it.6 "Financial Information - Sources of Financing", Energy Efficiency Audit Report, Investment Project (Technical or Detailed Design).*  *The efficiency is calculated by the following formula:*  *I= S/C, (BGN/kW), where*   * *S is the total value of the grant in BGN;*   *- С is the design heat capacity of the facility/facilities for heating or for heating & cooling, including hot water supply, kW.*  *The total value of the grant (S) is the value indicated in Application Form, it.6 "Financial Information - Sources of Financing", line "Requested funding" (Grant).* |
| Investment effectiveness ≤ 2000 BGN/kW | 20 | |  |
| Investment effectiveness > 2000 BGN/kW and ≤ 2400 BGN/kW | 15 | |  |
| Investment effectiveness > 2400 BGN/kW and ≤ 2800 BGN/kW | 10 | |  |
| Investment effectiveness > 2800 BGN/kW and ≤ 3200 BGN/kW | 5 | |  |
| Investment effectiveness > 3200 BGN/ kW | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Effectiveness of the grant to the forecast annual generation of heat energy for heating and hot water supply, and energy for cooling – P, BGN/kWh.** | 30 | | *Application Form, it.5 "Budget", it.6 "Financial Information - Sources of Financing", Energy Efficiency Audit Report, Investment Project (Technical or Detailed Design).*  P= S/Еgeo, (BGN/kWh), where:  - S is the total value of the grant in BGN;  - Egeo is the forecast annual generation of heat energy for heating and hot water supply, and energy for cooling, by using geothermal еnergy, kWh.  *The total value of the grant (S) is the value indicated in Application Form, it.6 "Financial Information - Sources of Financing", line "Requested funding" (Grant).* |
| Investment effectiveness ≤ 1 BGN/kWh | 30 | |  |
| Investment effectiveness > 1 BGN/kWh and ≤ 1,4 BGN/kWh | 24 | |  |
| Investment effectiveness > 1,4 BGN/kWh and ≤ 1,8 BGN/kWh | 18 | |  |
| Investment effectiveness > 1,8 BGN/kWh and ≤ 2,2 BGN/kWh | 12 | |  |
| Investment effectiveness > 2,2 BGN/ kWh and ≤ 2,6 BGN/kWh | 6 | |  |
| Investment effectiveness > 2,6 BGN/ kWh | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Effectiveness of the grant to the greenhouse gas emission reductions resulting from the use of geothermal energy and other renewable energy sources for heating or for heating & cooling- Y, BGN/ tCO2** | **20** | | Application Form, Energy Efficiency Audit Report.  Y = S/C, (BGN/kWh), where:   * S is the total value of the grant in BGN;   - C is the expected annual quantity of greenhouse gas emission reductions from the project implementation, resulting from the use of RES energy, tCO2.  С = (Еgeo+Еres )\*1.18, tCO2    - Egeo is the forecast annual generation of heat energy for heating and hot water supply, and energy for cooling, by using geothermal energy, kWh;  - Eres  is the forecast annual generation of heat energy for heating and hot water supply, and energy for cooling, by using other RES, kWh.  *The total value of the grant (S) is the value indicated in Application Form, it.6 "Financial Information - Sources of Financing", line "Requested funding" (Grant).* |
| Investment effectiveness ≤ 850BGN/tCO2 | 20 | |  |
| Investmenteffectiveness > 850 BGN/tCO2 and ≤ 1190 BGN/tCO2 | 16 | |  |
| Investment effectiveness >1190 BGN/tCO2 and ≤1530 BGN/tCO2 | 12 | |  |
| Investment effectiveness >1530 BGN/tCO2 and ≤1870 BGN/tCO2 | 8 | |  |
| Investment effectiveness >1870 BGN/tCO2 and ≤2200 BGN/tCO2 | 4 | |  |
| Investment effectiveness > 2200 BGN/tCO2 | 0 | |  |
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| 1. **Share of geothermal energy in the end energy used for heating, cooling and hot water supply after the project implementation – Z, %.** | **8** | | *Application Form,*  *Energy Efficiency Audit Report*  *Calculation is done by the following formula:*  *Z= ( Egeo/E /)\*100, %, where:*   * *Egeo is the annual quantity of geothermal energy used, kWh;* * *E is the annual quantity of end energy used for heating, cooling and hot water supply, kWh.* |
| Z ≥55% | 8 | |  |
| 45% < Z < 55% | 6 | |  |
| 35% < Z < 45% | 4 | |  |
| Z ≤ 35 % | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Monitoring of energy consumption.** | **4** | | *Application Form, it.7 ”Implementation Plan/ Project Activities”, Energy Efficiency Audit Report and Detailed Design, if any.* |
| The project proposal envisages supply and installation of new devices for metering and control of thermal energy consumption. | 4 | |  |
| The project proposal does not envisage supply and installation of new devices for metering and control of thermal energy consumption | 0 | |  |
| 1. **The project envisages use of geothermal energy also for cooling.** | **4** | | *Application Form, Item 7 "Implementation Plan/ Project Activities", Energy Audit and Detailed Design, if any* |
| The project proposal envisages use of geothermal energy also for cooling. | 4 | |  |
| The project proposal does not envisage use of geothermal energy for cooling. | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Participation of donor country Partner (s) in the implementation of the project activities** | **5** | | *Application Form*  *Letter of Intent / Draft Agreement / Partnership Agreement with a REEEES donor partner (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein)* |
| There is/ are a Partner (s) from a donor state involved in the project | 5 | |  |
| There is/are no Partner (s) from a donor state involved in the project | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Risk analysis** | **4** | | *Application Form, item 11 "Additional Information"* |
| The project proposal presents a risk analysis containing information on:  (a) The basic financial, human, material, technological and information resources necessary to carry out the activities of the project and to ensure the sustainability of its results;  (b) The possible risks, the likelihood of their occurrence and the impact they would have on the achievement of the project results;  (c) The measures that the Applicant envisages to take to ensure the availability of the necessary resources and to avoid, mitigate, transfer or accept and manage the identified risks. | 4 | |  |
| Risk analysis is available, but information on major institutional, operational and financial risks is not sufficiently clear to guarantee the achievement and long-term sustainability of project results or the risk analysis is not completed | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Capacity of the Applicant for project implementation and management** | **4** | | *Curriculum Vitae, Application Form, item 9 “Team”* |
| The project team includes a manager, technical and financial expert, each with at least three years of experience in infrastructure and/or energy efficiency projects. | 4 | |  |
| The project manager has at least three years of experience in infrastructure and/or energy efficiency projects. | 2 | |  |
| The technical and the financial expert, each with at least three years of experience in infrastructure and/or energy efficiency projects. | 1 | |  |
| None of the above conditions were met. | 0 | |  |
| 1. **Project costs compliance** | **10** | | *Application Form - item 1 "Basic Data", item 5 "Budget", item 7 "Implementation Plan/Project Activities",.*  *Energy Efficiency Audit Report and Investment Project* |
| **All costs** for which financing is requested are eligible under point 13.2 of the Application Guidelines and  **All costs** are justified and consistent with the activities envisaged for implementation and  **All costs** are in line with the thresholds set out in the Application Guidelines (where applicable) and  **All budget lines** are properly segregated and filled in according to the requirements of item 13.4 of the Application Guidelines. | 10 | |  |
| **All costs** for which financing is requested are eligible under point 13.2 of the Application Guidelines and  **All costs** are justified and consistent with the activities envisaged for implementation and  **All costs** are in line with the thresholds set out in the Application Guidelines (where applicable), but  **Not all budget lines** are properly segregated and filled in according to the requirements of item 13.4 of the Application Guidelines. | 8 | |  |
| **All costs** for which financing is requested are eligible under point 13.2 of the Application Guidelines and  **All costs** are justified and consistent with the activities envisaged for implementation, but  **Not all costs** are in line with the thresholds set out in the Application Guidelines (where applicable). | 6 | |  |
| **All costs** for which financing is requested are eligible under point 13.2 of the Application Guidelines, but  **Not all costs** are justified and consistent with the activities envisaged for implementation. | 4 | |  |
| **Not all costs** included in the budget for which financing is requested are eligible under point 13.2 of the Guidelines for Applicants, **but in the event of a budget change, the main objective of the project can be achieved**. | 2 | |  |
| Not all costs included in the budget for which financing is requested are eligible under point 13.2 of the Guidelines for Applicants, and in the event of a budget change, the main objective of the project cannot be achieved. A “zero” score shall also be mandatory in the cases where the Evaluation Committee eliminates all costs of energy efficiency measures and/or where the total grant of the project proposal is lower than EUR 200 000 as a result of the reduction of the project budget. | 0 | |  |
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| **In case the project proposal receives “0” points according to criterion 1, 3, 4, 12 or 13, the project proposal shall be rejected!**  **In case the project proposal receives a total of less than 60 points from all criteria, the project proposal shall be rejected!** | | | |
| ***Maximum score:*** | **120** |  | |

1. In case of a discrepancy between the texts, the text in Bulgarian shall prevail. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)